

REMARKS

All of the claims pending in the application were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed November 22, 2004.

In the previous Office action mailed May 26, 2004, claims 19 and 36 were rejected as failing to comply with the enabling requirement. Particularly, the action indicated that a limitation relating to a channel having an owner and if not being used by the owner could be accessed was described in the specification only in connection with the reserved state. These claims referenced these limitations relative to the empty state. In the Request for Reconsideration filed on August 25, 2004, applicants argued that the claims were in fact supported by the specification and the claims were allowed.

Claims 19 and 36 as previously presented were supported by the specification. However, the referenced limitations were intended to be identified with respect to the reserved state rather than the empty state. Thus, while applicants argued that the claims were supported by the specification, in fact the claims should have been reworded as suggested by the Examiner to recite the method and system actually intended to be claimed.

Applicants understand that no amendment may be made as a matter of right after Notice of Allowance. However, the amendments made herein do not change the overall scope of claims 19 and 36, but rather change the particular state having the referenced characteristics. As such, applicants request that the amendment be entered and approved without withdrawing the application from issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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